

First Tee – Aiken

Vocabulary Terms

- **Object of the game of golf:** To hit the ball into the hole in the fewest strokes (swings + penalties)
- **Etiquette:** Manners and actions used by PLAYers
- **Fore!**: A warning shouted to alert other PLAYers that you are about to hit the ball or have hit a ball that is headed toward them
- **Stroke:** The points a PLAYer gets by swinging the golf club or getting a penalty
- **Penalty:** When a PLAYer breaks a rule, he/she is given a penalty. The penalty is usually a stroke or two added to the score. Other penalties are sometimes given such as losing distance or losing a hole (match play).
- **Habit:** Actions PLAYers do so often they become automatic and can be done without thinking
- **Putt:** A short shot that rolls; usually done on the putting green
- **Chip:** A short shot that goes low in the air and has lots of roll; usually started from just off the side of the green
- **Pitch:** A short shot that goes high and has only a little roll; usually done from a few yards off the green when a PLAYer needs to go over something like a bunker
- **Full-Swing:** A big swing to hit the ball as far as the club will make it go
- **Bunker:** A hollow area on the golf course that is filled with sand
- **Dog-leg hole:** A hole where the fairway bends around a corner
- **Green:** The part of the golf course around a hole where the grass is cut the shortest
- **Fairway:** On a hole, the grass between the tee and the green (fairway grass is usually cut short).
- **Penalty Areas:** An area of the golf course that creates challenges for PLAYers. These include bunkers and lakes or ponds, for example.
- **Hole:** 1. The small hole or cup cut into the green; 2. The part of a golf course consisting of a teeing ground, putting green, and the area in between; also, if you “hole” your ball, you have hit it into the hole on the green.
- **Lie:** The spot where the ball is sitting
- **Out of bounds:** The area of a golf course that is outside the official playing area; golf courses use white stakes or paint a white line on the ground to mark the out of bounds area.
- **Range:** A place where PLAYers can practice hitting balls
- **Rough:** The area of long grass around tees, fairways, and greens
- **Teeing ground:** The starting place for the hole to be played; its shape and size is a rectangular area which is defined by two club length in depth, from two tee markers